



The State Bar *of California*

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DATE: June 11, 2019

TO: Members, Committee of Bar Examiners

FROM: Tammy Campbell, Program Manager, Office of Admissions

SUBJECT: February 2019 California Bar Examination (CBX) Cost-Analysis

BACKGROUND

As part of the on-going process to monitor the costs related to administering the California Bar Examination (CBX), a cost analysis of the February 2019 CBX has been prepared. Attached is more detail regarding the various expenses associated with administering the examination.

DISCUSSION

The cost for administering the February 2019 CBX was \$1,468,006 for 5,181 applicants. In 2018, the figures were \$1,406,040 and 5,303 respectively. The increase in costs from 2018 to 2019 can be mostly be attributed to moving the Ontario Testing Accommodations facility back to the Los Angeles area due to poor hotel conditions and lack of proctor pool in the Ontario vicinity. There was also an increase in costs for the audio-visual equipment that is used for exam announcements and proctor orientations.

Here are a few highlights from the cost analysis:

1. Approximately 85% of the facility capacity was used to administer the CBX. This is a slight increase from the February 2018 administration where 84% of the facility capacity was utilized. However, the February 2018 Bar Exam had slightly more “no shows” than the February 2019 Bar Exam.
2. The February 2019 California Bar Examination aligns with historical data with 85% of our total costs comprised of costs related to facility rental, electrical, and proctors.

It costed approximately \$126 (\$121 in February 2018) to administer the 2019 February CBX to an applicant taking the examination at a standard test center compared to approximately \$2,428 (\$2,337 in February 2018) for each applicant taking the examination at a Testing Accommodations test center. The number of testing accommodation applicants had a 2.9 percent increase compared to the year before.

For the February 2018 examination, there were 343 applicants that took the CBX at a Testing Accommodations test center compared to 353 in 2019.

Administering examinations at Testing Accommodations test centers involve higher costs because of the type of facility that must be used, i.e., hotel instead of a conference center in order to be able to provide semi-private/private rooms, additional proctor requirements, specialized equipment/software, etc. It's also important to note that these figures don't include 'soft' costs for staff time and actual costs for medical experts/consultants to review testing accommodations petitions.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the report be received and filed.

PROPOSED MOTION

If the Committee agrees, the following motion is suggested:

Move that the report on costs for administering the February 2019 California Bar Examination be received and filed.

Examination Administration Costs - February 2019 General Bar Examination																		
Test Center																		
Facility	Capacity	# of Testers	% of Capacity	Type	Facility Rental	Tables & Chairs	Electrical	Parking	Water	AV	Phones	Computers	Shipping	Staff Rooms & Parking	Proctors	Off-Duty	Grand Total	Cost/Tester
Northern California:																		
Crowne Plaza Hotel - Burlingame (\$623)	90	77	85.56%	TA	\$97,871.10	\$0.00	\$2,080.00	\$2,080.00	\$0.00	\$1,875.02	\$300.00	\$699.18	\$2,300.50	\$3,808.80	\$75,769.57	\$5,255.25	\$192,039.42	\$2,494.02
Hilton Sacramento Arden West (\$706)	40	32	80.00%	TA	\$49,481.62	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,916.33	\$1,198.32	\$1,833.95	\$2,300.50	\$2,327.68	\$38,634.28	\$5,502.75	\$105,195.43	\$3,287.36
Oakland Convention Center (LW600)	1,200	988	82.33%	Combo	\$24,553.94	\$19,491.28	\$28,641.59	\$3,360.00	\$40.97	\$8,058.56	\$0.00	\$292.35	\$2,300.50	\$4,379.20	\$42,140.74	\$2,730.75	\$135,989.88	\$137.64
McClellan Convention Center (LW703)	556	472	84.89%	Combo	\$27,450.00	\$4,014.00	\$11,180.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,214.40	\$0.00	\$386.88	\$2,300.50	\$1,772.28	\$22,969.69	\$2,623.50	\$76,911.25	\$162.95
Northern California Totals	1,886	1,569	83.19%		\$199,356.66	\$23,505.28	\$41,901.59	\$5,440.00	\$40.97	\$18,064.31	\$1,498.32	\$3,212.36	\$9,202.00	\$12,287.96	\$179,514.28	\$16,112.25	\$510,135.98	\$325.13
Southern California:																		
Doubletree Hotel - Orange (\$260)	125	103	82.40%	TA	\$115,232.45	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,744.00	\$0.00	\$3,057.73	\$0.00	\$2,080.58	\$2,300.50	\$3,207.78	\$95,823.28	\$5,577.00	\$231,023.32	\$2,242.94
Doubletree Hotel - Westside (\$106)	125	102	81.60%	TA	\$107,895.36	\$1,105.00	\$2,328.00	\$5,555.00	\$0.00	\$2,796.20	\$750.20	\$2,283.13	\$2,300.50	\$3,926.68	\$95,397.38	\$5,585.25	\$229,922.70	\$2,254.14
Sheraton Mission Valley (\$304)	50	39	78.00%	TA	\$44,144.38	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,181.16	\$678.84	\$867.00	\$2,300.50	\$2,527.35	\$41,563.99	\$5,643.00	\$98,906.22	\$2,536.06
Ontario Convention Center (LW400)	1,848	1,633	88.37%	Combo	\$47,067.76	\$9,100.00	\$34,520.00	\$2,860.00	\$1,143.65	\$2,799.73	\$200.00	\$545.65	\$2,300.50	\$2,827.20	\$65,761.39	\$2,739.00	\$171,864.88	\$105.24
San Diego Concourse (LW300)	740	593	80.14%	Combo	\$22,975.00	\$117.00	\$15,316.00	\$0.00	\$543.36	\$630.00	\$275.00	\$231.60	\$2,300.50	\$2,893.04	\$28,334.90	\$2,821.50	\$76,437.90	\$128.90
Pasadena Center (LW102)	1,326	1,142	86.12%	Combo	\$42,512.50	\$12,380.00	\$30,810.00	\$1,995.00	\$0.00	\$6,816.54	\$246.38	\$297.83	\$2,300.50	\$3,383.84	\$45,227.17	\$2,722.50	\$148,692.26	\$130.20
Southern California Totals	4,214	3,612	85.71%		\$379,827.45	\$22,702.00	\$82,974.00	\$14,154.00	\$1,687.01	\$17,281.36	\$2,150.42	\$6,305.79	\$13,803.00	\$18,765.89	\$372,108.11	\$25,088.25	\$956,847.28	\$264.91
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Miscellaneous Charges																		
Non-TA Sites - Subtotal	5,670	4,828	85.15%	Combo	\$164,559.20	\$45,102.28	\$120,467.59	\$8,215.00	\$1,727.98	\$22,519.23	\$721.38	\$1,754.31	\$11,502.50	\$15,255.56	\$204,433.89	\$13,637.25	\$609,896.17	\$126.32
TA Sites - Subtotal	430	353	82.09%	TA	\$414,624.91	\$1,105.00	\$4,408.00	\$11,379.00	\$0.00	\$12,826.44	\$2,927.36	\$7,763.84	\$11,502.50	\$15,798.29	\$347,188.50	\$27,563.25	\$857,087.09	\$2,428.01
Exam Totals	6,100	5,181	84.93%		\$579,184.11	\$46,207.28	\$124,875.59	\$19,594.00	\$1,727.98	\$35,345.67	\$3,648.74	\$9,518.15	\$23,005.00	\$31,053.85	\$551,622.39	\$42,223.50	\$1,468,006.26	\$283.34
% of Total					39.5%	3.1%	8.5%	1.3%	0.1%	2.4%	0.2%	0.6%	1.6%	2.1%	37.6%	2.9%	100.0%	

***Hotels do not charge for water